

Appl. No. 10/502,110

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II. Remarks**RECEIVED
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Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested. Claims 2-8 have been amended. Claim 1 has been cancelled. No claims have been added.

After entering this amendment, claims 2-8 and 20-27 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. With regard to claim 2, this claim is now presented in independent form including all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Since dependent claims necessarily include all the limitations of their intervening claims, it is submitted that the amendment of claim 2 is not a narrowing amendment and does not give rise to any estoppel issues with regard to their interpretation under the doctrine of equivalents or limitations on that doctrine. Claims 3-8 are all dependent on claim 2 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 2.

Additionally, the Examiner's indication that claims 20-27 are allowable is gratefully acknowledged.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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